

CONSOLIDATION A HELP TO LOGAN

The University Would be the Heavy Loser in the Attendance.

CACHE WOULD RETAIN PREPS.

Sixty Per Cent of University Students Are Below College Grade, Making Heavy Loss in Attendance.

In Wednesday's issue the "News" quoted President Love of the state senate as speaking at the University of Utah in favor of consolidation of the University and Agricultural college, and declaring that the fight was on to terminate only when the schools should be united. In order to make his position clear on the subject President Love today sent the following communication to this paper. He holds that the Logan institution would not suffer heavily in attendance by the consolidation as its preparatory work would not be interfered with and 85 per cent of its students are engaged in preparatory work, and that the University of Utah would suffer material decrease as 60 per cent of its students would be eliminated. He bases his conclusion that consolidation is inevitable upon his long experience in the Legislature in which he has seen the demands of both institutions increase many times, until they are at a point where the state cannot afford to longer meet them. The letter follows:

Editor "News"—In your report of chapel meeting at the University of Utah Wednesday last you say that the keynote of my remarks was: "The fight for consolidation is on, it will never end till those two big schools of Utah are united."

Now the facts are, that in my talk to the students I had no intention whatever of referring to the consolidation of the University of Utah and Agricultural college. The few words that I did speak on this subject were only incidental in character, and I was surprised to see them used as "head lines" in the report of the meeting. I presume, however, that your reporter assumed that the people of the state were most interested in my remarks as where they referred to the consolidation of the two big schools. If that is true, then probably I should not complain, realizing that the question of consolidation is a live issue in which the people of Utah are deeply interested.

However, in view of the fact that my remarks as reported have been given wide publicity, I feel that my position on this most important matter should be more clearly defined.

INSTITUTIONS A HEAVY DRAIN.

I am a friend to both schools, my vote in the three last sessions of the Legislature has been cast for a liberal appropriation for both institutions, but my experience and judgment is that this state cannot much longer financially maintain two separate and distinct institutions of higher learning.

DEMANDS HAVE QUADRUPLED.

Two years ago we appropriated less than \$100,000 for the biennial period for all purposes of both schools. This year the presidents of these two institutions came before the legislative committees and in the most solemn manner declared that in order to carry on the work of these schools in a proper and conservative manner, it would be necessary to give them \$217,000 in addition to their interest from the land grant funds, which aggregate a considerable sum. It is true, the amount asked for was heavily reduced, but their revenue will still go beyond the \$200,000 mark, and despite this they will have to get along in a crippled condition, their presidents claim.

Ten years ago the attendance at the Agricultural college was about 360, and the state appropriation \$15,000. The attendance now is 720, and the state appropriation over \$120,000, with no new buildings.

INCREASED SEVEN FOLD.

While the attendance has only doubled in ten years, the amount asked has increased seven fold. The same argument applies only with a little less force to the University of Utah.

With this record before us, what can we expect ten years hence?

Now then, what would consolidation do for us? President Kingsbury says we would save \$200,000 in the next two years. President Keen in his report to the legislative committee said: "The actual maximum saving in cost of instruction by combining duplicated courses, whenever possible, would be \$6,912.50."

Yet in the constitutional convention when consolidation was under discussion, Judge Goodwin, made use of the following language: "I said the amount that would be saved each year would depend entirely on the amount appropriated to these different institutions. If the institutions received a small appropriation, the saving would be small, if a large appropriation, the saving would be correspondingly large, and I stated

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that if the institutions had \$125,000, the approximate saving would be about \$20,000."

Apply the same reasoning to the amount appropriated today and President Kingsbury's contentions are good.

SAVING WOULD BE LARGE.

However, looking at the question from a purely business standpoint, there is no question in my mind but that there would be a very large saving to the state.

SIXTY PER CENT "PREPS."

Few people realize that 85 per cent of the work done at the Agricultural is only of high school grade; same is true of the University of Utah to the extent of about 60 per cent. In other words, out of a student body of near 1,700 at both institutions there are only 40 per cent of college grade.

Another comparison—it cost \$32,000 per year to maintain the West Side High school in this city with over 700 students, while it cost the state over \$100,000 at Logan a year, where 15 per cent of the work is above the high school grade. The city high school educates outside students for \$45 per capita, and makes money out of the deal, yet in the same city the state is compelled to pay twice that sum to get University of Utah students up to high school standard.

QUESTION IS CRITICAL.

There's an "ebony hued gentleman around somewhere," and it's high time the state found his lair.

Aside from purely local pride does anybody really question the wisdom of putting the two big schools under one management and board of control? Could not this duplication in all lines be avoided? From my view point it is the only proper thing to do.

Our friends in the north are unduly alarmed regarding the Agricultural college, the big saying would not be at Logan, but at Salt Lake. My honest opinion is that the student body at Logan would be increased rather than reduced, but the attendance at the University of Utah would be cut down one-half, so that Salt Lake is not so selfish as the Cache valley people would make believe.

HUSBAND WANTS A DIVORCE.

Benjamin W. McEuen filed suit for divorce in the district court today against Grace G. McEuen on the ground of desertion. They were married at Winchester, Cal., on Oct. 10, 1890, and it is alleged that defendant deserted plaintiff on Jan. 18, 1899.

INFORMATION WANTED.

William McEvoy, 18 Webster street, Bradford Yorkshire, England, would like to correspond with William Farrell, who immigrated from Bradford about 12 or 13 years ago. He was at the Occidental hotel, Salt Lake City, about 10 years ago, when last heard of.

CREDIT MEN BRING SUIT.

Suit was filed in the district court today by the Utah Association of Credit Men against Charles A. Onasch to recover the total sum of \$487.25 and interest from March 15, 1904, alleged to be due for merchandise sold to defendant by the Nelson-Judson Drug company, Hemenway & Moser, Kahn Brothers, the Rogers Clear company, J. G. McDonald Candy company and Michalitschke Brothers company.

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COUNTY BALANCE.

Treasurer Carbis Completes His Report and Shows \$53,299 on Hand.

County Treasurer Carbis has completed his report for the month of March, which shows a balance on hand of \$53,299.12. The report follows:

Balance on hand March 1.....	\$54,289.86
Receipts for March	18,337.62
Disbursements for March	\$82,627.48
Balance on hand March 31.....	\$53,299.12
Balance in various funds March 31, 1905:	
General Expense	\$26,178.67
County School fund	8,520.18
Tax sale redemptions.....	4,629.27
Bond interest fund	11,750.09
State witness and jurors	1,111.00
Total	\$53,299.12

LATE LOCALS.

State Fish and Game Commissioner John Sharp will ship 45,000 trout fry to Juab county on Tuesday to stock the streams of that county.

The Tenth quorum of Seventy will hold its regular monthly meeting at the second ward meetinghouse on Monday night, April 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

Lieut. Col. H. M. Lund declines the position of adjutant general, and the governor will have to make another appointment on his return from the coast.

Word from the great lake notes the level as eight inches above zero, about the same figure as obtained a year ago at this time when the lake was rising rapidly.

Contractor Campbell has begun cleaning up the Market street sidewalk of the federal building, and by Monday the laying of garmolitic side-walk will be started on that side.

Collector Greenwald reports customary business as picking up. He is working hard to have a government warehouse built in this city for the receipt of goods under bond, and believes he will succeed.

State Supt. of Schools Nelson received word today that a teacher for the third, fourth and fifth grades is wanted at once at Castle Gate. Information in regard to the same may be obtained from Supt. Nelson.

The almost weekly burglary of the C. O. D. Commission company occurred last night. Someone who had a key that fits the lock in the door, entered, but did not take anything. The burglar was evidently frightened away.

The Elks begin next week working on the excursion to the Buffalo, N. Y., reunion of the order later in the year. Owing to the distance and the expense, the band of pilgrims will not be very

large, but it is believed that a carload can be got together.

The ordinance against cyclists riding on the sidewalks within the restricted districts goes into effect today, and Chief of Police Lynch has detailed officer Ed Davis to look after those who violate the ordinance and prosecute all infractions of the law.

Clerk Judd of the board of education is today paying the quarterly salaries of the members of the board and the monthly salaries of the officers and janitors of the board. The amounts of the payments are as follows: Members, \$250; officers, \$771.66; janitors, \$1,764.

The Woman's Republican club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. U. Eldridge, 160 west Seventh, South street, April 3, at 2 p. m. Mrs. Johanna Melton will give a paper on "Jefferson," and Mrs. Pease will give a paper on "The Old Missions of California."

A meeting of the law committee of the citizens' committee is scheduled for this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the office of A. T. Sanford in the Atlas block for the purpose of considering some action to take to prevent the proposed consolidation and extension of the franchises of the Utah Light & Railway company.

The Men's club of the First Congregational church is arranging for three entertainments to be given in the church as follows: April 18, the Harry T. Butterworth Concert company; April 28, John M. Rich, lecturer, on "The Atlantic Question 'Up to Date'"; May 12, Lee Francis Lyharger of Chicago, lecturer.

Weekly report of the city board of health for the week ending April 1 shows 33 births, of which 20 were males and 13 were females. The death report for the same period numbers 25, of which 15 were males and 10 were females. During the week there were 13 cases of smallpox, 4 cases of diphtheria, 2 cases of scarlet fever, 40 cases of measles, and 1 case of chickenpox reported to this office.

The first supply of the Reader Magazine received at the Deseret News Book store was sold at this morning and a new installment ordered. Local interest is keen in this number on account of the appearance of a little story by Genevieve Morris, which is illustrated by the Salt Lake artist, Clyde Squires. Two very pretty drawings in the artist's best style accompany the story. The drawings were made from a living model hired by young Squires to pose for him.

The First Presbyterian people will occupy for purposes of worship the Sunday school room at the rear of the new church edifice on Sunday morning, April 19 next. A brief farewell service will be held in the old church, corner Second South and Second East streets, at the usual hour, 11 a. m., and then the entire congregation will march up to the new church on east South Temple street, and hold the regular preaching service in the new Sunday school room. The latter apartment is practically finished. It is neatly but not expensively tinted in bright colors, the woodwork is in varnished natural pine, and the provision for electric lighting abundant. Work on the remainder of the building will be taken up about the first of the coming week.

CREDIT MEN IN CHARGE.

Utah Association Takes Hold of The Gesas Failure in Idaho.

Clever Work on Mr. Critchlow's Part Will Result in Substantial Saving to Creditors.

The Utah Association of Credit Men, whose success in handling involved estates and failures of business concerns, has brought them into such prominence, has just made another successful record which speaks well for those who have it in charge.

The case in question is that of Harry Gesas, a merchant doing business in Blackfoot and St. Anthony in Idaho, and Cumberland and Kemmerer in Wyoming. Mr. Gesas failed about a month ago and there were features about the case that his creditors did not like the look of. Among his creditors were many local men who promptly placed the affair in charge of the Utah Association of Credit Men. Their manager, Mr. J. S. Critchlow, and their attorney, Thomas & Maycock of this city, at once began an investigation which resulted in uncovering \$15,000 worth of assets in Cumberland, with a likelihood that more will be found elsewhere. This property was recovered through the clever work of Mr. Critchlow, manager of the association, who has been giving his undivided attention to the case for several weeks past. Mr. Mat Thomas, one of the attorneys for the association, has just returned from Idaho, where he was successful in overcoming the efforts of the bankrupt in delaying the case, and in fully establishing the insolvency of Mr. Gesas. The hearing was held in the United States district court, Boise, and succeeded in having Mr. Critchlow placed in charge as trustee. He is now handling the assets, having been agreed on by the creditors and confirmed by Judge Healy of the Idaho district court.

At the outset it did not look as though the creditors would recover 25 cents on the dollar, but with the new turn affairs have taken under the management of the association, 60 cents and probably more will be returned to the creditors, who are mostly Utah and Idaho men, though some eastern concerns are represented.

FUNERAL OF JOHN DAYNES.

The funeral of John Daynes, Utah's pioneer music dealer, will be held in the Twentieth ward meetinghouse tomorrow, Sunday, at 3 p. m. instead of at 2 p. m. as at first announced. The remains will lie in state at the family residence, 28 F street, between the hours of 1 and 2.

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